

Pay Boost Introduced For Top U.S. Officials

Rep. Morris K. Udall (D-Ariz.) has introduced a bill that would raise the salaries of members of Congress from \$22,500 to \$35,000 and pay the Speaker of the House \$50,500 next Jan. 1.

Cabinet officers would be raised from the present \$25,000 to \$40,000. The administrators of the Housing and Home Finance Agency, Space Agency, Budget Bureau and Veterans Administration would receive \$38,500, as would directors of Central Intelligence and the FBI.

The Deputy Postmaster General, Deputy Attorney General and various under secretaries would get \$36,500.

The bill would spotlight nepotism in requiring any official who recommends a relative for appointment, employment or promotion within his department to make the recommendation and relationship a matter of "public record." The rule would also apply to Congress.

Udall is also sponsoring the Administration-approved pay bill for classified and postal workers. It would give them increases of 4.7 and 3.2 percent respectively, in addition to raises already approved for Jan. 1.

He has previously told classified and postal employee union leaders that he sees "very little hope" that the \$20,000 Federal salary ceiling can

be broken unless Congressional pay is also raised. His earlier bill provides a \$25,500 salary for classifieds and \$22,445 for top postal employees.

The final House pay hearing will be held Oct. 15 by the Post Office and Civil Service Committee. Civil Service Commission Chairman John W. Macy will be the witness.